

Foundation Work is never properly laid, nor the main Wheel in Trade and Commerce never set a going, how can it be expected the Buildings shall ever go forward, or that the smaller Wheels and lesser Movements shall ever go round to a publick Advantage? Does it not highly behove the Commonalty of *North-Carolina*, to behold and consider well, the miserable State of the Government? How are the Inhabitants puzzled and put to their Shifts, in regard to Trade and Commerce? And how grievously are the Commonalty streightned, in buying them Necessaries of Life, for want of a proper *Medium*? And how helpless is [5] the Province in respect to Navigation? Are not the Inhabitants (for want of a proper Navigation in the Government) obliged to purchase all their foreign Necessaries at the very last and dearest Hand? When, perhaps, a Parcel of Goods or Merchandize have passed through the Expence of Navigation &c. in the neighbouring Governments, and have passed through the Hands of many Merchants or Traders, and they have all had their Profits on them, and Livings from them, then, perhaps, poor *North-Carolina* Planters have the Honour of eating, drinking, and wearing some of the riff-raff Remains, at a dear Rate: Pray, consider, then, what all this amounts to, but a supporting Navigation and Trade in the neighbouring Governments, at the Expence of the poor *North-Carolina* Planters: And, will this do? Is it possible this can redound to the King's Honour? Will this advance his Government? Will this make the Commonalty a happy People? Have the Navigators been in a Dream? or the Compass unhung, and the Watchmen asleep? Does not the present State and Condition of the Government make it manifest? What can be said to this? Can the Honour of the King's Government, and the Commonalty of *North-Carolina*, any more be supported by this Way of Management, than a Ship without a Bottom can be supported above Water by pumping? Is it not all the same as labouring to pump the Ocean dry? Pray let this Point be well consider'd: And if any, for Information, shou'd query, What Remedy can be prescribed? Let it be observed, That the Globe consists of several different Climates; it's evident, likewise, that it produces sundry different Necessaries for the Use of Man; And, without all Doubt, it was so ordered, that Mankind shou'd have a Correspondence one with another. And whereas there is no Mill, or other Machine, can move, effectually, to the Advantage of its Maker, without Wind, Water, or some artificial Strength, to give it a Motion, so neither can the Province of *North-Carolina* hold a Correspondence